

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Claims 14-20 and 36-40 remain in this application. Claims 1-13, 21-35, and 41-49 have been canceled in prior amendments. Claims 14 and 36 have been rejected. Claims 15-20 and 37-40 are objected to for depending from a base rejected claim with the Office action indicating that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Request for Examiner to Initial References on Information Disclosure Statement

At this point in time, none of Applicant's IDS requests have been initialed, and a prior Office action was missing a PTO form 892 for the cited reference. Therefore Applicant has submitted herewith a consolidated IDS for consider. Applicant would appreciate each reference being considered and initialed.

Claim 14

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 14 under 35 USC 102(e) over Witherspoon et al., US6356002 (hereinafter Witherspoon).

As stated in Applicant's prior response, elements 120, 130, and 140 of Witherspoon et al. appear to be merely circuit "traces."

However, in response to page 2, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the latest Office action, to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended claim 14 to make it more clear that the inductor is not merely the self inductance present on a given electrical conductor.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 14 defines allowable subject matter Witherspoon. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested, and allowance of claim 14 is respectfully solicited.

Claim 36

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 36 under 35 USC 103(a) over Witherspoon in view of the level or ordinary skills of a worker in the art.

In a similar manner as with respect to claim 14, Applicant has amended claim 36 to clarify that the inductors are each for modifying a self-inductance of the respective electrical connection.

Thus, whether or not someone of ordinary skill in the art, when seeing the structure of claim 14, would be able to determine a method for fabricating the structure, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 36 defines allowable subject matter over the applied art.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested, and allowance of claim 36 is respectfully solicited.

Objection to claims 15-20 and 37-40

Claims 15-20 and 37-40 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims.

Claims 15, 17, and 18 (which originally depended from claim 17) have been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 14 (in the form it was in prior to the present amendment). Claims 37, 39, and 40 (which originally depended from claim 39) have been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 36 (in the form it was in prior to the present amendment).

Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable over the applied art.

Summary

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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